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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch S.2.

REPORT

Date February 25, 1936

Subject Newspaper man of British nationality named Holmes.

Made by D.S. Jones Forwarded by D.B. Ross D.I.

With reference to the attached enquiry, I have ascertained that an English journalist named Holmes came to Shanghai early in 1932, shortly after the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities in Chapei. He was a man of about 32 years of age and was believed to have registered at the Palace Hotel. As, unfortunately, the guest register for that year is incomplete, there is no proof that he did actually reside at the Palace Hotel during his stay in Shanghai.

Holmes is alleged to have stated that he represented a German newspaper. He was in Shanghai for only a short while and then left for Manchuria. It is understood that from Manchuria he travelled on to Europe via Siberia.

"B", whom I interviewed regarding the above in accordance with the instructions of the D.C. Special Branch, states that he knows nothing of Holmes.

C. Jones

D.C. Special Branch D.S.

S2,
Please inform "B." Holmes is now in Addis ~~Abbaba~~ Abbaba
Sir, Your instructions have been complied with
C. Jones 26/2/36
Thanks. D.I.
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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 12 : 2 : 1936.

To S2,

Please endeavour to establish the identity and whereabouts while in Shanghai of a newspaper man of English nationality named Holmes who was in Shanghai in 1928 and 1929. It is said that Holmes has worked for Communist newspapers in Moscow, Berlin and London and while here was in close touch with Chinese communists and enquiries should be made very discreetly.

JWG

D.S. Jones

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